

Addendum to Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M: 36-16

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Name of Property: Little Tavern

Location: 8230 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Montgomery County

The demolition and/or move of a building to/from a property is considered part of a property's history and should therefore be documented when such activity occurs. This form documents that the above-noted building is no longer extant; it was dismantled ca. 2004.

Upon dismantling, the building's prefabricated exterior porcelain enamel panels and other architectural elements were salvaged and given to the National Capital Trolley Museum in Colesville, Maryland, in hopes of one day being reconstructed (Silver Spring Historical Society 2009). In its place lies a gravel parking lot that fronts the "new" 8230 Georgia Avenue address, Pyramid Atlantic (housed within the former corporate headquarters building for Little Tavern).

When documented in August 1984, the small, cottage-size, neon-illuminated building was described as being sheathed in white and green enamel (Striner). This 672-square foot hamburger shop was the first in the local chain of Little Tavern restaurants. Based on a roadside historical marker posted near its former location, Little Tavern #1, as well as its other associated locations/shops, were built in a Tudor/Art-Deco style which became iconic roadside architecture in the region. George Stone was the architect of the building, and Charles E. Brooks was the engineer, both partners in Stonebrook Corporation of Baltimore, Maryland. Silver Spring's Little Tavern #1 closed in 1991. A number of restaurants tried maintaining and occupying the building, but were unsuccessful. In 2003, a new owner tried selling the building on eBay with the stipulation that it be moved to a new location, but that attempt also failed.

No previous Determination of Eligibility for this property has been found at the Maryland Historical Trust.

References cited:

Silver Spring Historical Society

2009 Historic Downtown Silver Spring community roadside signage. Silver Heritage, Georgia Avenue. South side of sign titled, "The Burger King: Silver Spring Entrepreneurs."

Striner, Richard

1984 Maryland Historical Trust, Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey: Little Tavern. Prepared August 1984. On file at the Maryland Historical Trust Library, Crownsville, Maryland.

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Date: 01/12/2012

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated July 5, 1985

ACTION TAKEN

Final Draft Amendment...to designate the following sites on the Master Plan thereby extending to them the protection of the Historic Preservation Ordinance:

- M: 36/5.....Silver Spring/Acorn Urban Park and East West Highway
- M: 36/6.....Jesup Blair House/Local Park
- M: 36/11.....Old Silver Spring Post Office
- M: 36/14.....Armory Place

APPENDIX

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on The Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Although removed from the Locational Atlas, these sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's State Inventory.

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36/17	Old Masonic Temple	8435-39 Georgia Avenue

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
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State Historic Preservation Office
Priscilla Schwab, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator
Community Planning North MCB.

SUBJECT: Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for
Historic Preservation: Silver Spring CBD Individual
Historic Sites

MARYLAND HISTORICAL
TRUST

I am pleased to transmit to you this Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This document contains the recommendation of the Montgomery County Planning Board on the designation of several individual historic sites within the Silver Spring Central Business District.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North staff at 495-4565.

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Attachment

FINAL DRAFT
AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SILVER SPRING CBD INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC SITES

JUNE 1985

A proposed Amendment to the 1979 Approved and Adopted Master Plan for Historic Preservation in Montgomery County, Maryland and an amendment to the Approved and Adopted Sector Plan for the Silver Spring Central Business District and Vicinity 1979; being also an amendment to the General Plan for the Physical Development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District and to the Master Plan of Highways within Montgomery County, Maryland.

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ABSTRACT

TITLE: Final Draft Amendment to the Approved and Adopted Master Plan for Historic Preservation in Montgomery County, Maryland: Silver Spring CBD Individual Historic Sites

AUTHOR: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

SUBJECT: Final Draft Amendment to the Approved and Adopted Master Plan for Historic Preservation in Montgomery County Maryland: Silver Spring CBD Individual Historic Sites

DATE: June 1985

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ABSTRACT: This publication contains the text, with supporting map, for an Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation in Montgomery County, which is an Amendment to the Sector Plan for the Silver Spring Central Business District and Vicinity, the General Plan for the Physical Development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District, and the Master Plan of Highways within Montgomery County, Maryland. This Amendment designates several properties within the CBD as individual Historic Sites to be protected under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

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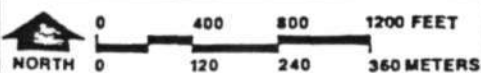
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Silver Spring CBD Individual Sites
For Removal from the Locational Atlas

map from Bobbi Hahn
15 May 87

Atlas boundaries —

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Little Tavern

8230 Georgia Avenue (MD 97)

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Montgomery Arms
8700-8722 Colesville

Fenton Building
8701-8719 Colesville

36-7-2

J.C. Penney's 1950

Hahn Shoes 1949

Ver #36/7
Spring
Historic
District

Bus Station
817 Ellsworth

Hecht Co. 1947

Bank & Wall paper Store

8500-89 Fenton
Silver Theater 1938

36-7-1
Silver Spring Shopping
Center, 1938

#36/14 New Armory 1927
925 Wayne Ave.

#36/13 Taste Diner 1946
8516 Georgia Ave.

#36/17 Masonic Temple 1927
8435-39 Georgia Ave.

#36/11 Silver Spring Post Office 1936
8412 Georgia Ave.

#36/16 Little Tavern, c. 1940
8230 Georgia Ave.



INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Little Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

8230 Georgia Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Harry F. Duncan

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

8230 Georgia Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 20910

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Montgomery County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1941

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Little Tavern hamburger shops were built by the dozens in the 1930's and 40's in the Washington area. They were neon-illuminated "cottages," sheathed in white and green enamel. The founder of the Little Tavern chain, Harry Duncan, built his first Washington hamburger stand in 1927 and the firm expanded rapidly throughout the 30's and 40's. Charles E. Brooks and George E. Stone of the Stonebrook Corporation designed the overall use of enamelled steel panels, and Duncan applied this method throughout the chain. The Little Tavern shops have recently been restored by owner Gerald Wedren and architect Tim Crosby. The sympathetic duplication of original materials and neon signage won praise from critic Benjamin Forgey of the Washington Post. The Little Tavern shops are democratic architecture at its best: they add a touch of charm and whimsy to dozens of streetscapes in Washington and its suburbs.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME, TITLE

Richard Striner

8/84

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Art Deco Society of Washington

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

P.O. Box 11090

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

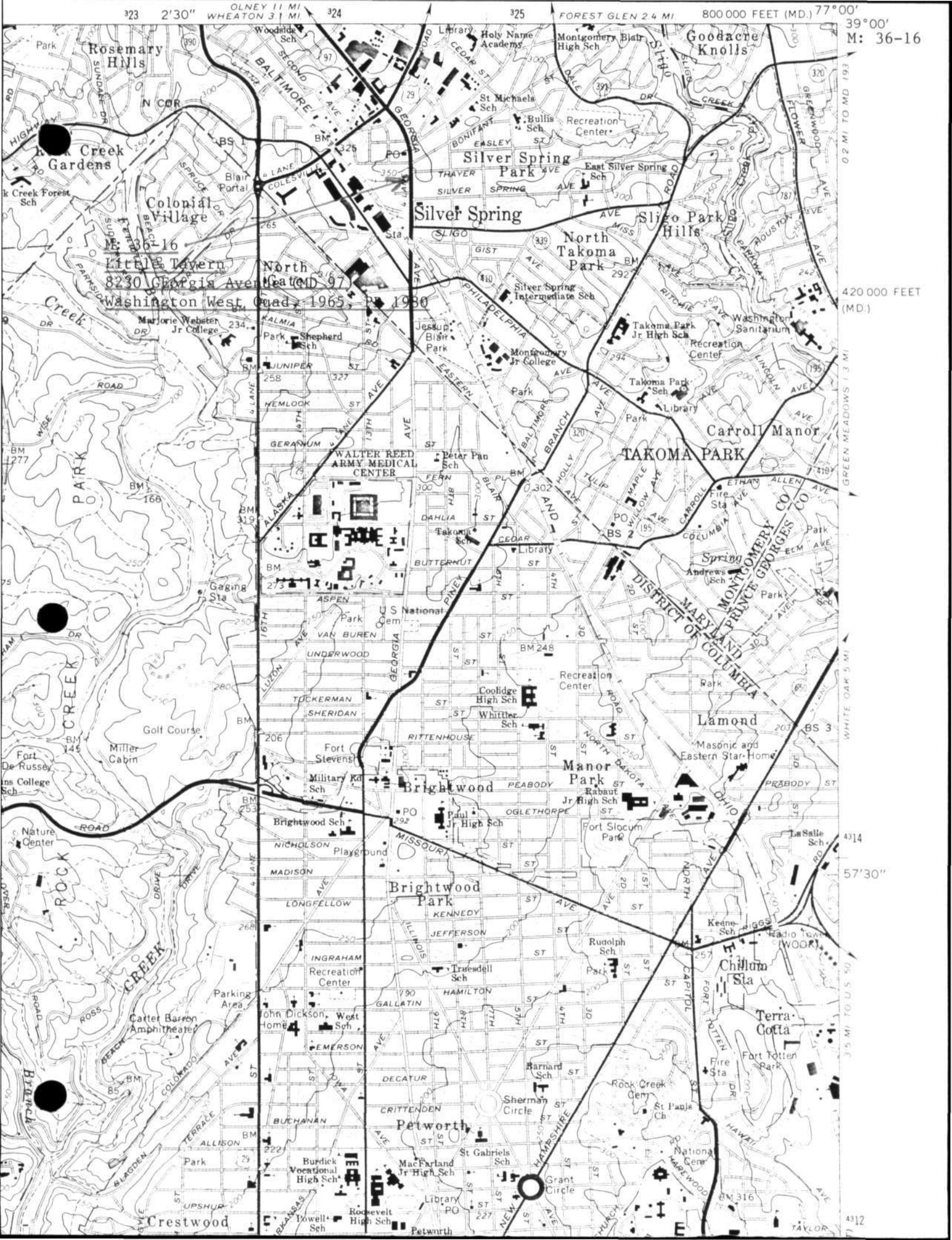
Washington,

DC 20008

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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323 2'30" WHEATON 3 1 MI

324

FOREST GLEN 2.4 MI

800.000 FEET (MD.)

77°00'

39°00' M: 36-16

0.2 MI TO MD 193

420.000 FEET (MD.)

GREEN MEADOWS 1.3 MI

WHITE OAK 5 MI

4314

57°30"

3.5 MI TO U.S. 50

4312